

ed to an earnest canvass and preparatory work. Pray for us.

Our Sunday school is still growing in interest and numbers. Last Sunday our collection was \$1 23. But as the school grows the expense for requisites is also materially increased. The little boy who was sick of scarlet fever is almost well again.

We wish to thank several of our friends of missions at Waterloo, Iowa, Morrill, Kans., Trent, S. D., Clifton Mills, Va., Lanark, Ill., and a friend in our city for their timely contributions to our work, all of which will be acknowledged by our general secretary in due time thru the EVANGELIST. This was timely and very sincerely appreciated by us, for indeed we were almost in a "straight." And we still need some more.

DEAD OR ALIVE?

Live churches are the ones that are growing. Last year I was doing some evangelistic work in another State, and a brother told me of a certain man in the neighborhood, who with his family had been persuaded to join another church. The inducement that had been held out to him by the preacher was that if he would join them it would not cost him much of anything for, said the preacher, we do not pay our preachers salaries and we have no expenses and never take up collections. But it was *too* cheap; the man and his family left the church and joined us, which of course cost him some thing the very first meeting. But, as the Word says, "A living dog is better than a dead lion." There is one place where a man can lie at no expense in perfect rest, i. e., *very still*, i. e., the cemetery. But the worms will devour him there. The price of life is constant action. That is a large life who sees much he can do to make some body else happy and is always laboring to do so. Sensible men will not join a dead church.

When men are really and honestly converted to Christ they will pay as much heed to the command, "go," as they will to "be baptized." Put these and other commands of Christ into action, and we have the "Lo, I am with you alway" right in our midst all the time in the form of a working church, laboring to send the gospel to the whole world. We have before us constantly an object lesson, if we will only look and learn. Our pastors who preach missions and labor for the spread of the gospel have live churches and are growing, i. e., both pastor and congregation are growing, the pastor in power and influence, the congregation in both power and numbers.

To evangelize the whole world is the objective of all church work and energy; it is the only atmosphere in which the church, bought with the "precious blood of Christ," can live. If she stoops to any purpose lower than this she will die, for the Spirit of Christ will leave her. There is no place in the fold of the "called" of God for any selfish purpose or self pleasure in which there

is not glory to the heavenly Father and salvation for man.

My dear fellow preacher, there may be some of your members that will oppose you some when you plead for missions and ask them for contributions, but they really love you all the more for it, and will stick all the closer by you. I call to mind one good brother, who, when I was leaving for my work in Chicago, and who had formerly said he "would never give any more for missions" when I shook hands with him and said good bye, stood up close to me and said, "Now if you get hungry, just write me." When that good brother reads this he will know that I have not forgotten.

I said we would close our every night meeting at the mission, after this week till Brother Bowman came, but we still will hold our regular meetings, i. e., two mid-week meetings and the regular Sunday work, which employs all of the day Sunday. We will also hold cottage prayer meetings during the week at the homes of the members, especially those who live more remote from the mission. Pray for us, and ask the heavenly Father to send help, both spiritual and temporal.

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From the National Capital

A friend of mine, one who has not yet accepted Christ, in writing me not long since, referring to the life of a certain Christian whom she knew very well, said, "His life is so beautiful, and the light he leaves shine has not one shadow. I never listen to his voice that I do not wish I could be such a Christian." These words have made a deep impression on my mind. Jesus says, "Let your light so shine." Ah, that little word *let*, LET, LET, there is so much in that; let it so shine "that others seeing your good works may glorify your Father in heaven." My friend has referred to this same life by saying, "The light he leaves shine has not one shadow." The thought is such a beautiful one. Do I let the light of Jesus so shine thru my life that it casts no shadow? Do I give the Holy Spirit full right of way? We can not afford to cast any shadow upon the life of another. The world is dark enough without a shadow from our lives to make it still darker.

A certain minister once told me of an example of one of his lady parishioners, a very wealthy lady; she owns a large hotel and quite a number of fine residences in this city near the executive mansion. This minister happened to come along one day where the lady was trying to buy some vegetables,—only a few cents worth—from a poor, country woman, who was trying to sell her scanty products by the sidewalk near the market house. So anxious was this woman to save a penny or two by the "jeweling" process that she never saw her minister when he came up. He listened until he got so ashamed of her that he was glad to slip away

unrecognized. What a dark shadow! No light of Jesus in such an example. And yet how many, very many, who seem to take pleasure in breaking the Golden Rule; they go here and there casting shadows by following the example of the rich lady at the market.

I have been personally acquainted with this lady for several years; used to call on her frequently, partly because she expressed a deep interest in our mission work in this city and at different times made some very flattering promises of a financial nature. But she was better gifted in the art of making excuses than in fulfilling promises. I followed her up for quite a long time, not that I expected to get money, for I soon learned that she was the wrong kind to "build up" on in that way, but she was rather an interesting study, even if she was more shadow than sunshine. Somehow I managed to dispose of her numerous excuses in a way that would still leave her just a little uneasy. At last she struck one that was a stunner. I could get no further. She got to talking about her "private charities." To hear her talk, these "private charities" were immense—frequent and everlasting! But I surrendered. They were, indeed, very private, so private in fact that I have never yet met any person that could possibly detect the slightest clue in that direction. And the worst of it is, you know they can find "scripture" for it! "Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth!"

But we must get back to where we started. We want to let the light of the life of Jesus shine thru our lives freely, fully, unhindered, by letting Christ live in us as the hope of glory, and then there will be no shadows to darken the pathway of others. "If we walk in the light as he is in the light," we can not cast shadows.

"He that hath the Son hath the life." I John 5:12 Here is the key. Just give place to him. He will take the worldly, fleshly spots out of our lives and it will not be possible to cast a shadow then. When we let him do this, the yoke will then be easy and the burden light.

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Secular Views of Missions

The Presbyterian.

It used to be the fashion with most secular papers to ridicule the church on all occasions and to belittle her work whenever possible. This was particularly the case when foreign missions was the subject of discussion. For some time past, however, there has been a distinct change of attitude, and we find the great papers of the country speaking freely in recognition of the work the church has done among heathen nations. The following is from *Harper's Week'y*, a paper whose good opinion is a desirable thing to have. The figures presented show that missions have not been a failure:

In a single year the Protestant churches of the world have expended about \$19,000,000